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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1915.

Timely thoughts for Sunday—and other days: "Strength of mind depends upon sobriety."—Pythagoras.

A heated argument will often cause a coolness between friends. "Drink is the mother of want, the nurse of crime."—Loru Brougham.

"Beer is a far more dangerous enemy to Germany than all the armies of France."—Von Moltke.

"My liberty ends when it begins to involve the possibility of ruin to my neighbor."—John Stuart Mill.

"Who is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."—Solomon.

"And the Lord spoke unto Aaron saying, Drink no wine, nor strong drink, thou nor thy sons with thee."—Moses.

"All the crimes on earth do not destroy so many of the human race, nor alienate so much property, as intemperance."—Lord Bacon.

"All labor expended in producing strong drink is utterly unproductive; it adds nothing to the wealth of the community."—Adam Smith.

"The excise law is an infernal one. The first error was to admit it to the constitution, the second was to act on it."—Thomas Jefferson.

"You are more likely to fail in your career from acquiring the habit of drinking than from any or all temptations likely to assail you."—Andrew Carnegie.

"If we could sweep intemperance out of the country, there would hardly be poverty enough left to give healthy exercise to the charitable impulses."—Phillipo Brooks.

"What temperance men demand is not regulation of the liquor traffic but its destruction; not that its evils be circumvented, but that it be eradicated."—Horace Greeley.

"Drinking dissipates the social force, industrial energy and political strength of the people. Give up drink or give up hope of holding your place in the industrial world."—John Harps.

A CREED FOR THE JOURNALIST

Because newspapers have to be compiled hastily and under pressure, it is inevitable that minor errors in the statement of news items will always be more or less frequent. But there is no excuse for intentional misstatement of fact nor for a deliberate coloring of news matter such as is found too often in the journalism of today.

Dr. Walter Williams, dean of the Missouri school of journalism, has laid down a code of morals for the guidance of the newspaper man, and his creed, which is produced below, is good enough to frame and hang on the walls of the editorial sanctum.

I believe in the profession of journalism. I believe that the public journal is a public trust; that all connected with it are, to be full measure of their responsibility, trustees for the public; that acceptance of lesser service than the public service is betrayal of this trust.

I believe that clear thinking and clear statement, accuracy and fairness, are fundamental to good journalism.

I believe that a journalist should write only what he holds in his heart to be true.

I believe that the suppression of the news for any consideration other than the welfare of society is indefensible.

I believe that no one should write as a journalist what he would not say as a gentleman; that bribery by one's own pocketbook is as much to be avoided as bribery by the pocketbook of another; that individual responsibility may not be escaped by pleading another's instructions or another's dividends.

I believe that advertising news and editorial columns should alike serve the best interests of the readers; that a single standard of helpful truth and cleanness should prevail for all; that the supreme test of good journalism is the measure of its public service.

I believe that the journalism which succeeds best—and best deserves success—fears God and honors man; is stoutly independent, unmoved by pride of opinion or greed of power, constructive, tolerant, but never careless, self-controlled, patient; always respectful of its readers, but always unafraid; is quietly indignant at injustice; is unwayed by the appeal of privilege or the clamor of the mob; seeks to give every man a chance and, as far as law and honest wage and recognition of human brotherhood can make it so, an equal chance; is profoundly patriotic, while sincerely promoting international good will and cementing world comradeship; is a journalism of humanity, of and for today's world.

A PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE

During the summer of 1914 the world at large did not entertain a kindly opinion of the Emperor of Germany, and events following the outbreak of the war have tended to shake the faith of those who before had believed in his sincerity of purpose and in his professed idealism.

Brilliant men like Chesterton and Kipling are busy hurling poisoned shafts at the Kaiser, and they even go so far as to rete him as an ordinary, second-rate politician and a low and conscienceless trickster. This, of course, is the English point of view and is accordingly biased. But despite the uncharitable opinion of this ruler, who is the storm center of the conflict, now bathing a continent in blood, there is no gainsaying the truth that he is a man of great vision, of constructive statesmanship, and of remarkable ability for organizing and developing the resources of his empire.

History will give him a place among the world's greatest men, though deeds like the rape of Belgium will certainly dim the luster of his fame.

Is the Kaiser consistent in his professions? Is he merely a shallow preacher of idealism and not one who as a ruler is willing to practice his own preachments? He is a world puzzle. We do not know. But whether consistent or not, he has laid down a philosophy of life which is deep and broad enough for any true Christian to stand upon. Here it is.

"To be strong in pain; not to desire what is unattainable or worthless; to be content with the day as it comes; to seek the good in everything, and to have joy in nature and in men, even as they are; for a thousand bitter hours to console one's self with one that is beautiful and in doing and putting forth effort always to give one's

best, even if it bring no thanks—he who learns that and can do that is a happy man, a free man, a proud man; his life will always be beautiful.

"Whoso is mistrustful does a wrong to others and injures himself. "It is our duty to regard every man as good, so long as he does not prove to the contrary.

"The world is so great and we men are so small; surely everything can not revolve about us alone.

"If anything injures us, hurts us, who can know whether that is not necessary for the benefit of creation as a whole?

"In everything in the world, be it good or otherwise lives the great, wise will of the Almighty and Omniscient Creator; it is only that we small men lack the understanding to comprehend Him.

"As everything is, so it must be in all the world; and however it may be, the good is ever the will of the Creator."

MASON'S AND DIXON'S LINE

The historic boundary known as Mason's and Dixon's line had nothing to do with the institution of slavery, as some people seem to think, but it so happened that the line established by Mason and Dixon, who came over from England in 1764 for the express purpose of making the survey, ultimately became the dividing line between the free states and those which had slavery. As a matter of fact, slavery existed in Pennsylvania when the survey was made, and it was not until 1780 that the state passed a law partially setting at liberty persons of color.

The Calverts of Maryland and William Penn of Pennsylvania could not agree on the boundary line between the two colonies, so Charles Mason and James Dixon were brought over from England for the express purpose of making a survey and settling the dispute. The line was run with the utmost care, a space eight feet wide being cut through the forest, and at the end of each mile a stone was set up to mark the line. Every fifth stone was larger than the others, and on the north side bore the coat of arms of William Penn while on the south side were cut those of Lord Baltimore.

These surveyors were men of distinction and of scientific attainments. At one time Mason was an assistant at the royal observatory at Greenwich. After their return to England their home government sent them on a scientific expedition to the Cape of Good Hope. Dixon died in England, but Mason came to this country and threw in his fortunes with the young republic.

As this old line was once the dividing point between free and slave states, the bitter feeling prevailing between north and south before, during and after the war, caused writers and speakers to employ the term freely as a sort of Chinese wall dividing two distinct and antagonistic schools of political thought. Today Mason's and Dixon's line denotes nothing, for the country is again united and there are no real lines of division between the sections, political, social or otherwise.

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